

government, he restored and outfitted a historic building in downtown Whitesburg to operate his craft distillery. In 2015, Kentucky Mist Moonshine opened its doors.

Today, Kentucky Mist Moonshine is renowned for its moonshine, whiskey, and vodka. The company has grown at a significant clip, experiencing 105 percent growth from 2019 to 2021. Featuring over 12 varieties of moonshine, their spirits are made from an original recipe free of artificial flavors or additives. Their products are sold throughout the United States and have drawn praise nationwide. Every batch is made in Kentucky under Colin's watchful eye. The Kentucky Mist Moonshine team has grown to 15 employees and expanded to include 3 locations in Orange Beach, AL, and North Myrtle Beach and Myrtle Beach, SC. Additionally, the distillery supports local Kentucky artisans and regional small businesses, selling hand-crafted goods at each of their locations. Uniquely, Kentucky Mist Moonshine makes fruit-infused moonshine and donates the fruit byproducts to local farmers for livestock feed.

Like many small businesses, Colin is actively involved in his community. Kentucky Mist Moonshine is part of the Southeast Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, while Colin serves on the local board of tourism. Locally, Kentucky Mist Moonshine has sponsored several Letcher County Central High School sports teams. They regularly participate in local and regional events, including the annual Mountain Heritage Festival. Kentucky Mist Moonshine is a member of the Kentucky Distillers' Association, Kentucky's premier bourbon and distilled spirits trade association. Their whiskey, vodka, and moonshine have earned multiple awards at industry and trade shows. The company's success has been profiled in several regional and industry publications. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Kentucky Mist Moonshine stepped up to manufacture hand sanitizer for local hospitals and clinics. During the summer, they hosted a series of concerts at their facility to support local artists and build community after a year of lockdowns.

Kentucky Mist Moonshine is a remarkable example of the resilience and adaptability of locally owned small businesses. Small businesses, like Kentucky Mist Moonshine, form the heart of towns across Kentucky and play a critical role in Kentucky's bourbon and whiskey industry. Congratulations to Colin and the entire team at Kentucky Mist Moonshine. I wish them the best of luck, and I look forward to watching their continued growth and success in Kentucky.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Roberts, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

In executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:06 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Alli, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 1917. An act to establish a K-12 education cybersecurity initiative, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3599. An act to establish a Federal rotational cyber workforce program for the Federal cyber workforce, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4094. An act to conduct a pilot program at foreign last point of departure airports to permit passengers and their accessible property to continue on additional flights or flight segments originating in the United States without additional security re-screening, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4363. An act to establish a daily public reporting requirement for covered contract awards of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4426. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to ensure that the needs of children are considered in homeland security planning, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4682. An act to prohibit the Secretary of Homeland Security from operating or procuring certain foreign-made unmanned aircraft systems, and for other purposes.

At 4:26 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Alli, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 5305) making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022, and for providing emergency assistance, and for other purposes.

At 4:45 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3533. An act to establish occupational series for Federal positions in software development, software engineering, data science, and data management, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The message also announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 5305. An act making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022, and for providing emergency assistance, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. LEAHY).

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 3533. An act to establish occupational series for Federal positions in software development, software engineering, data science, and data management, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 4094. An act to conduct a pilot program at foreign last point of departure airports to permit passengers and their accessible property to continue on additional flights or flight segments originating in the United States without additional security re-screening, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 4363. An act to establish a daily public reporting requirement for covered contract awards of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 4426. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to ensure that the needs of children are considered in homeland security planning, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 4682. An act to prohibit the Secretary of Homeland Security from operating or procuring certain foreign-made unmanned aircraft systems, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-85. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Oklahoma urging the United States Congress, pursuant to Article V of the United States Constitution, to call a convention of the states for the purpose of proposing amendments to the United States Constitution related to balancing the federal budget, imposing fiscal restraints on the federal government, limiting the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and limiting the terms of office for its officials and for members of Congress; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 23

Section 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

This Resolution shall be known and may be cited as the "United States Senator, Dr. Tom Coburn Resolution of 2021".

Whereas, the founders of the Constitution of the United States, through the enactment of Article V, empowered state legislators to be guardians of liberty against future abuses of power by the federal government; and

Whereas, the federal government has created a crushing national debt through improper and imprudent spending; and

Whereas, the federal government has invaded the legitimate roles of the states through the manipulative process of federal mandates, most of which are unfunded to a great extent; and

Whereas, the federal government has ceased to live under a proper interpretation of the Constitution of the United States; and

Whereas, it is the solemn duty of the states to protect the liberty; of our people, particularly for the generations to come, by proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States through a convention of